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- a) In this edition, a new audio data-type of ATRAC-X is added to ATRAC and ATRAC2/3.
- b) Specific properties such as reference points, repetition period, the method of filling stream gaps, and decoding latency are specified for data-type of ATRAC-X.

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- Part 2: Burst-info
- Part 3: Non-linear PCM bitstreams according to the AC-3 format
- Part 4: Non-linear PCM bitstreams according to the MPEG audio formats
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INTRODUCTION to Amendment 1

The revision of IEC 61937-7:2004 has become necessary to specify the new additional subdata-types of ATRAC-X low latency. This amendment includes the following technical changes:

- a) new three subdata-types of ATRAC-X low latency are defined;
- b) specific properties such as reference points, repetition period, and decoding latency are specified for each subdata-type of ATRAC-X.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 61937 specifies the method for the digital audio interface specified in IEC 60958 to convey non-linear PCM bitstreams encoded in accordance with the ATRAC, ATRAC2/3 and ATRAC-X formats.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60958-1, *Digital audio interface – Part 1: General*

IEC 60958-3, *Digital audio interface – Part 3: Consumer applications*

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IEC 61937-2, *Digital audio – Interface for non-linear PCM encoded audio bitstreams applying IEC 60958 – Part 2: Burst-info*

3 Terms, definitions and abbreviations

3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of this document, the definitions given in IEC 61937-1 and IEC 61937-2, as well as the following, apply.

3.1.1

latency

delay time of an external audio decoder to decode an ATRAC, ATRAC2/3 and ATRAC-X data-burst, defined as the sum of two values of the receiving delay time and the decoding delay time

3.2 Abbreviations

ATRAC	Adaptive TRansform Acoustic Coding
ATRAC2	Adaptive TRansform Acoustic Coding 2
ATRAC3	Adaptive TRansform Acoustic Coding 3
ATRAC2/3	ATRAC2 and/or ATRAC3
ATRAC-X	Adaptive TRansform Acoustic Coding-X